

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DARLA
HOOVER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Darla Hoover for her commitment to performing and educating, on the occasion of her 60th birthday. Ms. Hoover was a member of New York City Ballet (NYCB) from 1980–1991. Following her retirement from NYCB, Ms. Hoover began a distinguished career as a ballet teacher and repeteur for the George Balanchine Trust. For over 25 years, she has served as Artistic Director of Ballet Academy East (BAE) on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. In 2019 she was named Artistic Director of Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. Ms. Hoover celebrates her 60th birthday on May 31 of this year.

Darla Hoover trained at the renowned Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet before moving to New York City to attend the School of American Ballet when she was 15 years old. In 1980, after choreographing a solo for her in the New York City Opera production of *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, George Balanchine chose her to become a member of NYCB.

As a repeteur for the George Balanchine Trust, Ms. Hoover has traveled the globe faithfully teaching the legendary choreographer's most celebrated works. She has done this work at some of the most prestigious ballet institutions in the world. Ms. Hoover has staged Balanchine ballets for The Royal Danish Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Joffrey Ballet, New National Theatre Tokyo, Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Vaganova Ballet Academy in St. Petersburg Russia. This performance marked the first time the Vaganova Ballet Academy had ever performed a work by Mr. Balanchine.

As Artistic Director of BAE, Ms. Hoover has—alongside Executive Director Julia Dubno—developed it into one of the most renowned ballet schools in the country. Alumni have become professional dancers in ballet companies around the world, including NYCB, American Ballet Theater, and Dance Theatre of Harlem. The BAE faculty includes world-renowned current and former dancers, and its performances have been praised by publications such as *The New York Times*.

Ms. Hoover has been recognized as one of the best ballet teachers in the country. She directs a nationally recognized Teachers Workshop, in which she teaches fellow dance educators on the syllabus and methodologies developed by the late Marcia Dale Weary, under whom she studied. Ms. Hoover has been invited to share her successful techniques at some of the Nation's premiere ballet programs, including Boston Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet and Miami City Ballet.

Ms. Hoover has made a significant public contribution to American ballet as a teacher and mentor to young dancers. Her investment

in the personal success and well-being of her students has positively impacted countless children and adolescents in ways that reach far beyond ballet. She regularly forms close relationships with her students, who remain her “kids” even after they move on to pursue professional careers.

Ms. Hoover's dedication to her students and ballet is truly inspirational. The profound connection and skillful instruction Ms. Hoover provides countless young dancers demonstrate both her brilliance and the importance of arts education.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Darla Hoover and expressing appreciation for her dedication to the betterment of her students, the arts, and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONG-
TIME SERVICE OF TREASURER
ANDY MEISNER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the longtime service of Oakland County Treasurer Andrew “Andy” Meisner.

Andy has served the families of Oakland County at the Federal, State, and local levels. He served three terms as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives—eventually chairing the House Commerce Committee. Andy began serving as the Oakland County Treasurer in 2009, when our country was in the depth of the foreclosure crisis. He worked diligently with stakeholders to help them get back on their feet and stay in their homes, all while maintaining Oakland County's AAA bond rating.

Over the past 12 years, Andy has made it his priority to protect the financial well-being of Oakland County and its residents. He has creatively educated students on the importance of financial literacy through his Financial Literacy Art Contest and created the Financial Empowerment Center, a program aimed at advising county residents, especially small business owners, through financial challenges. We in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, and across the county, are so very grateful to him for his dedication to our community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Oakland County delegation, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Andy Meisner for his service and many contributions as Oakland County Treasurer.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERIT-
AGE MONTH AND HONORING
SABRINA JAVELLANA

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Sabrina Javellana.

Sabrina, who is a proud lifelong resident of Hallandale Beach, graduated from Hallandale High School and Florida International University. On November 19, 2018, Sabrina made history as she became the first Asian-American, and the youngest person, ever elected as a Commissioner of Hallandale Beach. Within days, her colleagues selected her to serve as Vice Mayor.

A dedicated public servant and community activist, Sabrina has championed environmental policies to protect Florida's coral reefs and waterways. She has advocated for the City of Hallandale Beach to recognize the devastating effects of climate change and to prepare for climate change-related extreme weather events and natural disasters.

Sabrina is a champion for equity and justice in South Florida.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Commissioner Sabrina Javellana.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EVAN
DWIGHT BASS

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Evan Dwight Bass, who tragically passed away on April 10, 2020, in Chester, South Carolina. Born in Rock Hill on March 4, 2003, Evan is the son of Bobby and Wendy Tinker Bass and the brother of Brady Coleman Bass.

Evan was a well-rounded, deeply engaged, and hardworking young man. An honor student at Chester High School, Evan was involved in golf, wrestling, and Beta Club. A dual sport letterman for the Cyclones, Evan was also a goalie for the school's Varsity Boys Soccer Team. Evan was described by the athletic department as “a true teammate . . . who had genuine love for everyone he met. He taught us to always be kind, care for others, to be selfless, to have fun, and to love.”

An avid sports fan, Evan cheered for the Carolina Panthers and the South Carolina Gamecocks. He especially loved the Coastal

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